

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT.

Washington, D. C., January 19 1889

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Superintendent U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

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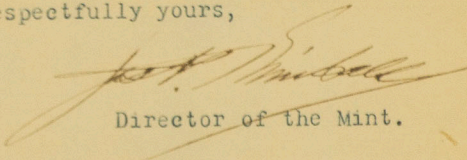
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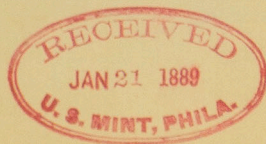
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